

DE LEON SPRINGS COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting July 12, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6:12pm in the Porter House by Len Litwiniec. In attendance were Rose and Len Litwiniec, Tom Walker, Sandra and Bob Ford, Lorraine and Bob Sullivan, Wayne Allan, Amy Munizzi, Jeanette and Jack Nunn, Nandra Hirsh, Roberta Johnson, Lucy and Juan Mancilla, Doris McWilliams, Cezar Perez, Don Malmborg, Patty Schwarze and Tammy Schuler. Introductions were made. Thea Rahming from Bethlehem Baptist Church of De Leon Springs stopped in briefly to drop off a gift basket of fruit.

Minutes of the June 14, 2011 meeting were accepted as written. Secretary Laura Strawn was absent.

Treasurer's Report – Tammy Schuler distributed the current expense/income statement; the treasury's balance is \$1,371.45.

Committee Reports

Website – Most of the 10 or 12 hits were for the state park. Rose Litwiniec reported the brochures are a big hit at the motel.

Community Appearance – Rose Litwiniec reported that the owner of the blue rental houses along U.S. 17 has begun work on improving the appearance of his property and buildings. It was agreed that improvements in community appearance should begin with Porter House and Nandra Hirsh suggested Seaside Sunflower for the front of the house. Len Litwiniec brought up the subject of scheduling another trash pick-up day. It was agreed to schedule this for fall when temperatures are more moderate, and this time sticks with nails for spearing trash will be available. Tom Walker suggested someone look into having an official highway sign posted designating DSCA as the group responsible for litter pick-up in the area.

Membership – Thea Rahming joined DSCA.

River of Lakes – no report

Utility Task Force – Amy Munizzi attended the recent meeting of the Blue Spring Working Group; she passed around some spring protection information obtained there. Amy reported the U.S. 17 utility feasibility study should be completed in about a week. The next step is for the DSCA to present the results to the City of DeLand Utility Board. We are still collecting for signatures on a petition for this project from land owners along U.S 17. Amy reiterated the current effort is only for city water U.S. 17 from SR15A north to Ponce De Leon Blvd. and sewer service for commercial properties along Re: the underground fuel plume issue: Amy reviewed the steps involved in resolution of the contamination, and reported that the Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP) is moving along faster since the story was publicized in local media. Volusia County continues testing soil, wells and the aquifer for gas. Discussion followed re: the advisability of private testing of individual wells. Cezar Perez reported on his recent meeting with DEP in which it was suggested money from a clean-up fund might be available for the

water/sewer utility project because of the potential for fuel plume contamination of drinking water sources. Amy will follow up on this.

Old Business

1. Patty Schwarze attended the recent community meeting re: camping for De Leon Springs State Park (DSSP) and gave an overview of her observations. She told us most attendees agreed there are multiple problems with camping: risk of pollution of the spring run; the land designated for camping is low and officially classified as St Johns River "muck," and would need to be dredged and refilled; no city water/sewer utility exist so wells and septic systems would be needed; CR3 and its bridge are narrow and lack shoulders, necessitating widening to accommodate RVs passing each other on the road; the park is often at capacity without campers wanting access to the pool and restaurant, raising the specter of area residents lined up for entry being prohibited from admittance in order to accommodate campers. Patty told us that DSSP's Brian Polk would like the DSCA to write a letter to the DEP Division of Recreation and Parks expressing our opposition to camping at the park.

2. The subject was raised re: the need for better signage for the park because many visitors are getting lost. Discussion followed on the general need for signs at the north and south ends of town. A question was raised re: the old concrete sign on the north end, east side. Don Malmborg stated the property owner originally refused our request to create a welcome sign on it at our expense due to liability concerns, but he has since passed away and his widow may be more amenable to the project.

3. A question was raised re: the status of the project to widen U.S. 17. A member reported that the engineering is completed but the problem now is funding. Patty Schwarze stated that such road projects usually include beautification funds and perhaps at that time we could have input on signs announcing the community name and the directions to the park.

New Business

1. Len Litwiniec read a letter from a DeLand High School senior, who is a resident of De Leon Springs, requesting assistance in funding development his baseball skills. Some present expressed interest in this so Len agreed to contact various entities for verification and will report back.

2. Bob Ford suggested we line up our next community project. A motion was passed to work on signs for the north and south ends of town. A committee consisting of Bob and Sandra Ford, Len and Rose Litwiniec, and Tom Walker agreed to formulate options and report back.

3. Now that the DSCA meetings will be held at the Porter House, a motion by Bob Ford that the DSCA take over the monthly electric bill was seconded and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm by Len Litwiniec. The 50-50 raffle was conducted; Jan Nunn won \$12, and \$12 was put into the DSCA treasury.

Respectfully submitted,
Lorraine Sullivan, Acting Secretary